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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 398  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Ardis Strong, 2001  
Valedictorian of Bolton High School.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those students who, through their natural talents and unwavering commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ardis Strong is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Bolton High School; and

WHEREAS, Through industrious study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Ardis has achieved extraordinary academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Ms. Strong has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, She has been a valuable participant in many programs and clubs at Bolton High School, including the National Honor Society, the Key Club, the Spanish Club, Mu Alpha Theta, the Yearbook Staff, S.G.A., the Beta Club, the Art Club, the Prom Committee, Powder Puff Football, and Fed Challenge; and

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WHEREAS, An accomplished student athlete, Ardis Strong served as Co-Captain of her school's swim team; she swims for another competitive swim team, the Cordova Athletic Club Stingrays, which she helps coach in the summer; she is also a talented artist; and

WHEREAS, Ardis's enthusiasm and hard work throughout all of her academic endeavors have earned her numerous honors, including being chosen by her Senior Class as "Most Studious" and "Most Likely to Succeed" as well as being honored by her teachers with "Who's Who in Social Studies"; and

WHEREAS, An astute leader, Ms. Strong has served with distinction as Senior Class Vice President and has participated in several leadership programs, including Youth Leadership Bartlett, HOBY, and Volunteer Girls State; and

WHEREAS, She is an active member of the Bartlett United Methodist Church, where she participates in the Youth Choir, MYF, and the Appalachian Service Project, a home repair ministry in the Appalachian Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Planning to attend George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Ardis Strong's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Bolton High School surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ardis's significant achievement is a great source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2001 Bolton High School Valedictorian, Ardis Strong, on her impressive academic achievement, commend her athletic and artistic accomplishments, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.